आयकर चोरी की सूचना देने वाले व्यक्तियों के लिए पुरस्कार

909. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल:**
श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल :

क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सच है कि जो व्यक्ति आयकर और उत्पाद शुल्क की चोरी की सूचना देते हैं उन्हें कुछ वित्तीय पुरस्कार दिया जाता है और यह पुरस्कार आयकर मुक्त होता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) आयकर विभाग के कितने अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों को इस इस प्रयोजन के लिए गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान वर्षवार पुरस्कार दिया गया और प्रत्येक मामले में नकद पुरस्कार की कितनी राशि दी गई; और

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई अधिसूचना जारी की है; यदि हां, तो क्या उसकी एक प्रति सभा के पटल पर रखी जायेगी ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री और विदेश मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री दिग्विजय सिंह) : (क) और (ख) जी हां, पुरस्कार का भुगतान ऐसे व्यक्ति को किया जाता है जो अतिरिक्त आयकर की वसूली के लिए और उत्पाद शुल्क की अपवचना का पता लगाने के लिए ऐसी महत्वपूर्ण और विशिष्ट सूचना देता है, जो प्रत्यक्षतया सहायक होती हैं । सूचना देने वाले व्यक्ति को भुगतान की गई पुरस्कार की रकम आयकर मुक्त होती हैं ।

(ग) इन प्रयोजनों के लिए आयकर विभाग के अधिकारियों अथवा कर्मचारियों को पुरस्कार नहीं दिए जाते हैं ।

(घ) जी, नहीं ।

Accumulation of Soiled Currency Notes with the Reserve Bank

910. SHRi J. p. JAVALI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is huge accumulation of soiled currency notes with the Reserve Bank of India at present;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether this has resulted in re fusal of accepting such notes by other banks from the public?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNA!., AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) There is some accumulation of soiled currency notes with the Reserve Bank of India at present, but that cannot be considered huge, as disposal of soiled currency notes is being carried out regularly as per the procedures laid down by Reserve Bank of India.

(b) Number of soiled notes awaiting examination at the Issue Centres of Reserve Bank of India as on 30-9-1990 works out to 3, 46, 914 mandays of work. At the present disposal rate, it will take six months for Reserve bank of India *to* dispose off these solied notes.

(c) No, sir. However, some complaints have been received by Reserve Bank of India from the public. Such complaints are looked into by Reserve Bank of India on a case-to-case basis.

Central interest subsidy scheme for November, 1984 riot affected borrowers

911. SHRI S. S. AHLUWAUA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has announced

reduction in interest rate on bank loans of November, 1984 riot victims under the Central Interest Subsidy Scheme;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have also formulated such other schemes for the rehabilitation of November, 1984 riot victims; and

(d) if uo, what are the details thereof and the time-frame fixed by Government for implementing such schemes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIIAY SINGH): (a) to (d) The Government of India has decided to extend relief in deserving cases by way of reduction of interest on bank, loans ta 6 per cent per annum in the cases of borrowers affected by November, 1984 riots. Thft Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has accordingly prepared a "Central Interest Subsidy Scheme for November, 1984 Riot Affected Borrowers" and circulated the same to all scheduled commercial banks for implementation. The banks shall charge the identified borrowers interest at 6 per cent per annum on all eligible loans outstanding as on 31st December, 1989 for the period from 1st November, 1984 if the loan is granted on or before 1st November, 1984 or from the date of grant of the loan. The difference between the interest charged on the advances on eligible loans and interest fit 6 percent per annum now to be charged will be reimbursed by Government of India to the banks as interest subsidy through RBI.

Suit filed against MMTC in a US Court

912. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MMTC has recently been sued in a US Court for indulging in fraudulent trade practices; and

(b) if so what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE$_Y$ MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) and (b) A US company had filed a suit against MMTC before District Judge, Houston in USA in September, 1986 for alleged fraud and breach of an agreement to supply 5 million barrels of Crude Oil. MMTC has taken action to defend the case on various grounds including absence of a contract.

Constitution of core group to develop agro exports

913. SHRI VIREN I. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in The Economic Times dated December 14, 1990 captioned 'Core group to develop agro export in the offing'; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURSHOTTAMDASr" PATEL): (a) and (b) Having regard to its vast potential and its importance in generation of employment and incomes in the rural areas of the country, Government attaches highest priority to promotion of agricultural exports. It is proposed to set up an informal core group in the Ministry of Commerce for the purpose.

Creation of judicial posts of public defender for women

914. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether creation of judicial post of public defender for women at the Centre and different States has been under consideration of Government; and